



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 28, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS:

Larry Church, Commissioner, Payette County
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County
Bill Brown, Commissioner, Adams County
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nikole Zogg
Doug Doney
Patty Foster
Katrina Williams
Carol Julius
CJ Soltis

GUESTS: Carmen Coy, Jahzeel Palacios, Nancy Sandoval, Nicol Watanabe, Jami Delmore, Andrea Barnes, Heather Taylor

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -- CHAIR

Chairman Bryan Elliott called the business meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Bryan Elliott asked for additional agenda items. No additional agenda items were noted.

MOTION – Commissioner Tom Dale moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Carol Julius introduced Jahzeel Palacios. CJ Soltis introduced Carmen Coy, Office Services Supervisor.

WELCOME OF DR. SAM SUMMERS

Nikki welcomed Dr. Sam Summers to the Board of Health as the Board's Physician Representative. Dr. Summers recently retired from his medical practice in Caldwell.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 07/24/18 MINUTES

Board members reviewed Board minutes from July 24, 2018.

MOTION: Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the July 24, 2018 minutes as presented. Commissioner Church seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Financial Manager, Patty Foster, presented the July financial report. Revenues exceeded expenditures as a result of carry over funds from Fiscal Year 2018. Most of the funds from Parents as Teachers are reflected in these carry over funds. At the end of July the net cash position was \$222,000.

Patty mentioned that last month Board members approved a budget adjustment for the community health action teams of \$10,000 and this adjustment is reflected in the financial report.

Motion to accept financial report: Commissioner Dale made a motion to accept the financial report. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Patty presented a request for the \$200,000 tenant improvement or office equipment to come out of the crisis center funds. Board members discussed the \$200,000 allocation from the state. This amount is not in the budget but in order to bill Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) she will need to add this to the budget and then submit a request to the Division of Financial Management (DFM).

MOTION: Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the budget adjustment request of \$200,000. Commissioner Marvin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CASH BALANCE REPORT

Patty presented the cash balance report for each of the health districts.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Nicol Watanabe and Nancy Sandoval distributed immunization rate updates for district rates as well as school rates. Nicol explained the district rate which is broken down with all health districts. Health District 3 is working to improve the immunization rate by going out to clinics and schools to provide immunizations and, this year, really focusing on our senior population.

Board members asked questions about the immunization exemption. Dr. Summers explained that immunity is not life-long. He asked that board members take a look at why one area of Region 3 seems to do so much better with immunization rates in their schools to determine what impacts their success to see if we can mimic that in other areas.

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

Nicol presented information on Meningitis. This can be caused by a viral or bacterial infection. Meningitis is vaccine preventable. The age group at the highest risk are adolescents to young adults. The fatality rate for the age group 15 – 24 is the highest. 1 in 5 survivors is left with a serious or permanent complication – amputation, severe scarring, brain damage, hearing loss, or kidney damage.

Nicol explained there are different vaccines that provide protection against the infection. The protection provided by the primary vaccination wanes over time so a booster dose is required between ages 16 and 18. Idaho requires kindergarten and seventh grade students be current on immunization requirements.

Nicol asked board members to support the rule requiring the additional immunization for older teens.

PERTUSSIS UPDATE

Jami Delmore, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided board members with an update on pertussis cases. So far in 2018 there have been 138 cases. As a comparison, at this point in 2017 there were seven cases and in 2016 only one or two cases.

Pre-teens and teens are the highest affected age group. Pertussis begins with cold-like symptoms and if its treated within the first week it can be slowed down. After that first week the cough will take several months to ease. The advantage of treating is preventing transmission.

In July SWDH epidemiologists noticed a disturbing trend when affected patients had been to providers several times before being tested. With the start of school Jami explained a health alert was issued to schools and daycares to encourage providers to test for pertussis. Often pertussis is thought of as a winter disease.

Pertussis can be life threatening for infants due to the potential respiratory complications. Older children and adults are not affected as severely by pertussis.

Jamie explained that the “whooping” sound is not always present in a person with pertussis. Testing is important so treatment can be provided and transmission of the disease prevented. Jami recommended adults who have not had a pertussis booster receive their ten-year booster.

Dr. Summers asked if the increase in pertussis is statewide or region specific. Jami explained that the increased numbers are mainly in Region 3 in Canyon County.

PROPOSITION 2 POSITION, MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS, POTENTIAL IRIS LEGISLATION

PROPOSITION 2 POSITION

Nikki explained that the district directors are receiving requests for some upcoming legislative issues. Ahead of that Nikki asked for guidance from our board to help establish our position. One of those is Proposition 2 to expand Medicaid. This ballot would expand Medicaid eligibility. Board members discussed indigent services and the impact of this Medicaid expansion.

Nikki has not been asked for letters of support at this point. The directors met last week and discussed taking this topic to the boards to help determine the positions of each board. This topic may also be discussed at the September Executive Council meeting.

Board of Health members have mixed stances on Medicaid expansion. Commissioner Aberasturi explained he was originally for this but after investigating further he could no longer support it because the numbers do not play out to support it.

The direction from Board members is that the majority of the Board members support the Proposition 2 ballot initiative.

MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY BOOSTER LEGISLATION

Nikki explained proposed legislation requiring an additional vaccination for school aged children. This vaccination is also recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The proposed rules are scheduled to be published September 5. Public hearings are planned for September 17th.

Nikki asked members for guidance on issuing a letter of support. Board members support issuing a letter of support.

POTENTIAL IRIS LEGISLATION

IRIS is the registry for all providers that provide childhood immunizations. It serves as a central registry for tracking immunizations. The potential legislation puts at risk the IRIS function and Nikki will provide more information about this potential legislation as it becomes available.

PAYETTE PROPERTY UPDATE

A few months ago, Mike Hanigan came and spoke to the board and requested an easement to drill under our parking lot to connect a data cable to the apartments that were built behind the Payette SWDH building. The cable company did the work in July. Nikki is bringing this topic to the Board because the plan Mike Hanigan developed was not communicated to the Board members. The company did not drill under the parking lot as said and we were not notified in advance. We may have recommended they put the line somewhere else rather than through the SWDH landscape. Nikki did not get to review the easement agreement prior to it being signed. The easement was drawn up by attorney Reese Hrizuak and Commissioner Church signed the easement agreement.

Doug Doney had our landscape company look at the Payette property and they said the grass will grow back and there was no damage to any of our sprinkler systems or irrigation pipes.

Board members asked that Mike Hanigan and his attorney initiate drafting of an amended easement to clarify the boundaries of the easement. The Board of Health members will review the amendment prior to the signing. Commissioner Church will work with Mike Hanigan to get the emended easement drafted.

FOOD FEE ESTABLISHMENT UPDATE

Commissioner Dale provided a brief update on food fee establishments. Not all districts are on board with a statewide fee establishment. But, as agreed upon at the annual meeting, the ability to set these fees are within the purview of each district to address as they feel is necessary and expedient. The fees charged are the responsibility of each district. Nikki and Commissioner Dale met with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Division of Public Health a few weeks ago and that meeting went well. The authority to regulate food establishments is delegated to SWDH by IDHW. Nikki felt it was important to go back to IDHW and see if they had any concerns or would oppose our proposed fee setting process in any way. The next step is to meet with some of the industry representatives and get their input.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

A realtor has helped us in looking for suitable buildings. Lease terms are being negotiated and as soon as they are finalized the terms will be brought to Board members for review. Lifeways, Inc. feels that the square footage available is workable to provide the required 20 bed facility. The crisis center can open with less beds but the expectation is that within the first year the number of beds is expanded to 20.

Nikki explained that some of the counties and cities have committed funding for the first year. Some counties are not willing yet to contribute funds for the first year. She suggested that the board members may want consider reevaluating the requests for funds from public and private partners during the first year since the legislature provided full funding.

The workgroup is working with payers to work out contracts. Nikki shared that Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation Board will be receiving a grant application that was facilitated by the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation. The foundation has been a partner throughout this process and is hoping that through this funding opportunity we can work toward building a more coordinated and comprehensive behavioral health system in our region. The model will include primary care providers, mental health providers, and emergency medical technicians.

Commissioner Dale explained that Canyon County was unwilling to commit funds for the first year when operations for the first year are fully covered by the funds received through the State. Commissioner Aberasturi explained that Owyhee County has approved supporting the crisis center and will have money set aside for the crisis center.

Mechanisms for billing are being developed and methodologies for behavioral health providers to be able to bill for crisis center services are moving forward. Heather added that having Lifeways in the discussions with payers allows providers to see what needs to be done to receive reimbursement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BOARD OF PHARMACY BILL

Nikki explained that the Board of Pharmacy has been working on updating statute and have worked with the health district directors to refine some of their language which would specifically give the health districts in Idaho the ability to label and deliver prescription medications that have been prescribed in accordance with the established formulary that each district has. Particularly in our satellite offices Nikki explained that this will be beneficial when there is not a nurse or nurse practitioner on site.

FOOD MERIT AWARDS – SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Food merit awards will be held next month September 18, 2018. CJ Soltis explained that this is the 19th year of doing these awards to help recognize some of our food establishments for providing safe food practices. He distributed invitations to Board members. Winners have been selected and notified that they are award recipients. CJ expects that after several years the food merit award process will be revamped.

AUGUST 30th COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE EVENT REMINDER

Nikki reminded board members that SWDH will hold a community open house event on Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 4pm to 6pm at its Caldwell facility. The purpose of this event is to help expand the community's knowledge of our services and meet some of our staff.

Prior to the community open house event SWDH will host an elected officials meeting highlighting four or five topics for educational purposes. Following that meeting we will host a community stakeholders meeting to discuss the work of Boise State University and our Community Health Action Teams.

SHIP/HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION

Last month Nikki mentioned that the directors are considering putting in a decision unit request to the legislature and the Governor to support some of the work going forward. The work will be connected to Medicaid's plans to stand up regional care organizations. One of the regions will be health districts 3 and 4 combined.

Medicaid plans to stage those care organizations in six month to one year increments so not all of the regions will stand up at the same time. Medicaid has already told districts 3 and 4 that they will be the first ones to stand up. Nikki explained that this is also tied into the decision request to the Governor's office and legislature for two FTE in FY20. As part of Medicaid's new model, the health districts are expected to facilitate local community health advisory bodies that will advise the regional care organizations.

Dr. Summers asked if at some point a letter of support from SWDH would be needed for the decision request. Nikki is unsure if that has been done in the past. He explained that the SHIP grant was a three-year grant and really needed to be a five-year grant. Three years is not enough time to change practices. He feels that the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) push has been effective but the downside was trying to get data from the Idaho Health Data Exchange (IHDE).

HEALTH DISTRICT 4 BOARD OF HEALTH

Health District 4 Board of Health met this month and their director, Russ Duke, has made the other directors aware that their Board has expressed their preference that the Idaho Association of Local Boards of Health (IALBOH) be a membership based organization. Currently the way that the IALBOH is funded is based on funds collected from each district.

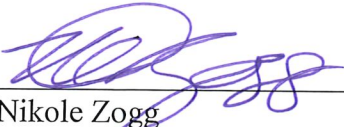
Also, the District 4 Board of Health does not feel that the current Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) contract is of value and they do not want to continue paying for it.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Doug provided a preview of the new SWDH website. The website went live on Friday and represents the culmination of about 18 months of work and collaboration with Thrive Idaho. The website is now hosted by the Department of Administration at the State level. Most of the website content has been revamped. The old website was very cumbersome and antiquated and hard to locate items. Doug hopes that this new website meets client needs and is functional and simple. Many of the SWDH services are listed across the top.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Bryan Elliott
Chairman

9/18/18
Date

